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## Haliburton County adopts shoreline bylaw

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Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

It's all over but the wait. That's where Haliburton County is at regarding its new Shoreline Preservation Bylaw that will come into effect April 1. That bylaw will replace the current Shoreline Tree Preservation Bylaw.

County council officially adopted the new rules March 22 during its regular meeting.

Stephen Stone, the county's planning director, spent the past number of weeks shopping the amended bylaw to lower-tier municipalities. The amendment was necessary because Dysart et al. refused to cede jurisdiction of its shoreline to county authority.

So the new bylaw will apply to Minden Hills, Algonquin Highlands, and Highlands East. The Shoreline Tree Preservation Bylaw will continue in Dysart.

Whatever Dysart decides to do in way of protecting its shorelines, Warden Liz

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### Making a splash

Sir Sam's Ski/Ride's annual Spring Splash took place on a snowy Saturday afternoon on Mar. 25 at Eagle Lake where dozens of skiers and snowboarders sent winter out with a splash. Brave souls, many dressed in costumes, ripped down the slope before attempting to hydroplane across a large pool of water in front of Sir Sam's chalet. Contestants were judged on best costume, wipeout and best crossing.

/ADAM FRISK Special to the Echo

## Rotary will not host annual carnival this summer

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Facing midway operator shortages across the province, the Rotary Club of Haliburton made the difficult decision to announce they will not be hosting their

traditional carnival in Head Lake Park this August.

The club is instead focusing their attention on their Music in the Park series, which is extended by two dates in 2023.

"We're sad that the carnival's not going to be there and that the Midway won't be there, but times change, and Rotary

is moving forward with change. We're going to grow with what's working," said Haliburton Rotary president Ursula Devolin.

She said over the past two years, they had contacted every midway operator in Ontario to try and get one to bring their

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# HHHS continues work to bring IT system online after attack

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Work is still underway to correct the cybersecurity issues that caused a Code Grey at Haliburton Highlands Health Services facilities in February.

HHHS declared an information technology Code Grey in Feb. 5 because of a third-party incident outside the HHHS. The incident hindered staff's access to the integrated information technology system shared with Ross Memorial Hospital (RMH).

The affected systems were taken offline, and HHHS' IT team and RMH are working to bring all systems back online.

"Significant progress has been made thanks to this hard work and the support of regional partners as well

as third-party cybersecurity experts," Carolyn Plummer, the president and CEO of HHHS, said in her March report to board members.

"Cyber defence infrastructure has also been updated to reduce the risk of re-occurrence of any similar incidents.

"Given the complexity of the situation and its impacts, HHHS continues to anticipate that it may be a number of weeks before operations return to normal."

Health care facilities under the umbrella of HHHS have been gearing up for Accreditation 2023. The IT Code Grey and its fallout prevent some staff from accessing emails. That impacted response to a staff Work Life Pulse Survey launched in late January.

"With the challenges some staff experienced accessing their emails during the early part of the IT Code Grey, the deadline has been extended to the end of April and staff are reminded to complete the survey as soon as they are able," Plummer said.

HHHS received a short-term reprieve from the financial pressures faced by Ontario health care providers.

Staffing pressures and vacancies are expected to continue. As are rising operational costs for utilities, fuel, raw food, maintenance, transportation, and medical supplies.

HHHS' negative run rate against the budget is running at a similar pace. But outstanding receivables from the Ministry of Health were settled in December and January, which has slightly alleviated some cash flow pressure in the short term.

Plummer said HHHS continues to monitor our payment terms to maximize the use of cash.

"HHHS has communicated its ongoing deficit position and provided a nursing agency pressure funding request to Ontario Health East, which resulted in receiving an additional \$350,000 in funding for these pressures," she said.

## HHHS makes its case for CT machine

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Haliburton Highlands Health Services will lobby the Ministry of Health as the next step toward getting a CT scan machine for the region.

A recent study by the health service to gauge the feasibility of bringing such a piece of equipment to the region netted positive results, said Carolyn Plummer, the CEO and president at HHHS in her March report to board members.

"We were overwhelmed with the volume of support letters we received, with over 100 letters received in just over a week and a half, even without a formal public call for support," she said.

"This clearly speaks to the importance of having a CT scan machine in Haliburton County."

The equipment will greatly improve access to critical diagnostic information and provide a local option for screening and preventative diagnostic testing.

"While HHHS is well-aware of the potential positive benefits from a health care perspective, community members have been able to share how important it is to them, and the potential it has to transform our local health care services and experiences," she said.

As the application process begins, Plummer said HHHS will continue to share information with the community about the benefits of a local CT scan machine.

Thanks to our integration with the Diagnostic Imaging Department at Ross Memorial Hospital, scans can be read by an off-site radiologist. Those results can be communicated back to physicians in the county.

"This is similar to how our X-ray, ultrasound, and bone density scans happen now," she said. "It is common practice at many small hospitals across the province and is common practice at many larger hospitals afterwards."

Offering scans closer to home will reduce the number of out-of-county transfers completed by our local EMS, who transported 357 people for CT scans in 2021. That tally is a 55 per cent increase over 2020.

Plummer said it will also support our on-going recruitment and retention efforts, as we know new physicians are trained with the expectation that they will have easy access to CT scan equipment for diagnostic purposes.

Letters of support for the application can be sent to Michel Henry at mhenry@hhhs.ca.

## COVID-19 requires public health response for foreseeable future: board chair

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dealing with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and the coronavirus' evolution is a business case of sorts that illustrates the need for more provincial support of regional public health agencies.

David Marshall, board of health chairperson for the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, said in a letter to Premier Doug Ford that investing in public health infrastructure will ultimately save the provincial health care system money.

The letter was written as the health board's input for the 2023 provincial budget. It was forwarded to Haliburton County council and included as part of the March 22 meeting agenda package.

Traditionally, just two per cent of the annual provincial health care funding has gone to public health infrastructure. The pandemic has shown how important public health resources are to protecting communities. It's also shown that two per cent of the health budget falls short of the needs.

"Since 2020, the provincial government has provided boards of health with one-time funding to support the ongoing work of responding to COVID-19," Marshall wrote.

That money had to be stretched to cover outbreak management, surveillance and data management, COVID-19 immunization clinics, vaccine storage and handling support for COVID-19 vaccines, public and health-care provider communication and education, and supporting infection prevention and control in highest-risk settings.

"Due to the one-time nature of this funding, however, we are unable to recruit and retain the qualified health professionals required to ensure the sustainability of these supports," he wrote. "This means that we continually need to draw on permanent staff from other program areas."

That staff redeployment contributes to backlogs in other programs.

Marshall said it's become clear over the last year that

"In total, HHHS has received \$631,000 in one-time operating pressure funding, which is quite similar in total dollars to the prior year, as well as \$106,200 in new COVID-19 prevention and containment funding."

Preparations are underway for the audit process as the fiscal year is drawing to a close at the end of March.

The staffing situation at HHHS, like other hospitals and health care organizations in Ontario, remains a significant challenge, impacting both day-to-day operations and longer-term planning.

The COVID-19 virus continues to circulate, and at the time of this report HHHS is experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak in the In-Patient Department of the Haliburton Hospital. There are currently five confirmed patient cases and two staff cases associated with the outbreak.

All COVID-positive patients and those who may have been exposed to COVID have been isolated. The department is now closed to any further admissions, and visitors are restricted to those receiving end-of-life care.

Volunteers continue to be restricted from entering the In-patient Department.

HHHS will continue to maintain important IPAC measures that have been in place, including full Personal Protective Equipment and mandatory masking in all patient care areas, mandatory vaccination, and active screening for symptoms of COVID-19.

Enhanced cleaning will now also be conducted in the In-patient Department, and staff will continue to monitor themselves for symptoms. Services in the Haliburton Emergency Department remain unaffected by this outbreak, and community members in need of emergency care should not hesitate to seek assistance.

"As the cold and flu season draws to a close, it will be important for staff and community members to be aware that the virus remains a threat, and to be thoughtful about precautions," Plummer said.

the coronavirus will need a long-term public health response.

He said the province needs to provide boards of health with increased permanent base funding to ensure capacity to support the public health response associated with COVID-19 added to the list of Diseases of Public Health Significance.

Permanent money is needed for Infection Prevention and Control Hubs and to support the boards of health School Focused Nurses Initiative.

"Boards of Health have yet to receive any funding to address the backlog of public health services that were created through the course of the pandemic," Marshall wrote. "This is equivalent to the often-cited list of delayed surgeries in the acute care system."

He urged the province to include a one-time financial contribution to alleviate the backlog.

Preventing illness is one way to lessen the burden on the health care system and, Marshall said, that's the bread-and-butter of public health agencies.

"Continuing to fund boards of health at pre-COVID-19 levels means that we will be unable to adequately respond to emerging concurrent public health crises," he said.

Before the pandemic, the provincial government announced a decrease in the grant contribution for cost-shared programs to a 70-30 ratio. For the region's health unit, that change meant a loss of about \$1.2 million. The province has provided mitigation funding since 2020 because of the pandemic.

Had that change gone ahead, health boards would not have been able to meet the challenges of COVID-19, he said.

Boards had to divert 60 per cent to 90 per cent of their base resources to pandemic response in 2020 and 2021. Should mitigation funding cease, this would amount to a significant cut in base budget resources.

"On the heels of a global public health emergency, in which there remains significant uncertainty regarding the emergence of new variants of concern, cutting board of health budgets would weaken local public health infrastructure at a time that it is needed most," Marshall said.

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# Fearrey says Dysart will work to closely mirror County

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Danielsen, who is also mayor of Algonquin Highlands, said she hopes it dovetails with the county's efforts.

"The closer that we can align our directions, the better to reduce any conflict," she said.

Councillor Murray Fearrey, Dysart's mayor, said his township will work to mirror as closely as possible what the county does to protect shorelines.

"But we have some different slants on it, obviously," he said. "One of them is the way we collect money. I just want to make sure that we're not tied to the Provincial Offences Act because I know how it works. It doesn't work."

Fearrey asked about how the fines for infractions of the Shoreline Tree Preservation Bylaw came to be approved.

Stone said the county presented the fine structure to the provincial court for approval by a judge. Something similar will have to be done regarding the fines under the Shoreline Protection Bylaw.

"With the approval of (the shoreline) bylaw by council today, we'll actually prepare a submission to the courts to get a fine structure established," he said.

Should they get a violation after the bylaw comes into effect in April and before there's a judicially approved fine structure, Stone said the offender will be summoned to court to answer for the violation.



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The Rotary Club of Haliburton will be focusing on their Music in the Park events this summer as they are unable to host the annual carnival due to a shortage of midway suppliers. /FILE

# Music in the Park is set to be Rotary's feature 2023 summer event

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rides to Haliburton.

With the carnival typically held on the Wednesday after the August long weekend, they even considered other dates, but with the few operators already facing jam-packed schedules, it wasn't attainable.

"It just doesn't work," Devolin said. "During COVID, at least three of the companies shut down, so there are fewer suppliers with the same amount of demand in small communities, so there's just not enough to go around."

Instead of a carnival, Rotary is carrying on with their weekly summer event this year and adding a few new features.

"We feel like we need to move on, and we're definitely disappointed that the tradition of running a Midway won't be able to continue, but the Rotary club is still doing a lot in the summer time," Devolin said.

Rotary partners with the Haliburton

County Folk Society to put on Music in the Park, a weekly concert at the bandshell at Head Lake Park happening each Tuesday evening featuring talent from a broad range of genres.

This year, they have extended the event by two extra weeks, one at the end of June and one at the end of August, for a total of 10 outdoor concerts to look forward to.

"Music in the Park is a great event for locals, cottagers, and tourists," said Music in the Park chair Steve Roberts.

On Tuesday, Aug. 8, Music in the Park will be an expanded event with food, Rotary's annual car draw, and extra entertainment.

"We can only do so much. We only have about 25 individuals to run all of this," Devolin said. "Music in the Park has been incredibly popular. We feel that that's a great service we provide to the community."

More information on Music in the Park will be released in the future.

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A boarder in costume looks to the end of the pool, hoping to make it across at Sir Sam’s Ski/Ride annual Spring Splash which took place on Mar. 25, a snowy Saturday afternoon at Eagle Lake where dozens of skiers and snowboarders sent winter out with a splash. Brave souls, many dressed in costumes, ripped down the slope before attempting to hydroplane across a large pool of water in front of Sir Sam’s chalet. Contestants were judged on best costume, wipeout and best crossing. /ADAM FRISK Special to the Echo



A skier keeps his concentration while making a wake behind.

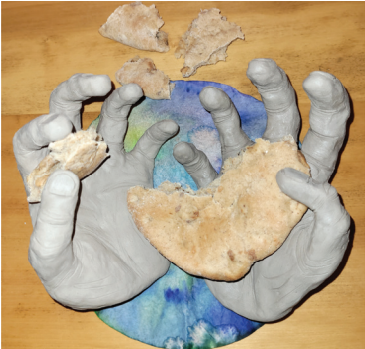


A soaked skier catches their breath after braving the icy pool of water.

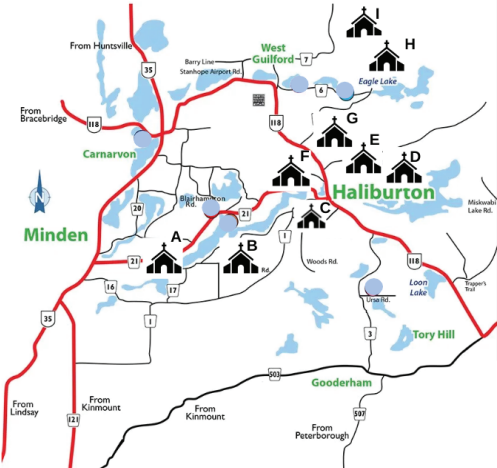


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# Housing in the Highlands – unpacking the ‘elephant in the room’

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

Without a doubt, housing has been one of the hottest topics for discussion in recent political navigation. Affordable housing, supportive housing, housing for seniors, housing for staff. It's a never-ending cycle of questions met with limited answers.

The 2023 Haliburton County Housing Summit hopes to answer some of those questions.

The full-day session on April 5 will be held at the Minden Hills Community Centre, and aims to address some of the “elephants in the room” when it comes to housing needs in the area.

One of the keynote speakers of the day is Lori-Anne Gagne, the CEO of Victoria Park Community Homes (VPCH) based out of Hamilton.

VPCH is one of largest non-profit housing corporations in Ontario, and manages a portfolio of over 3000 accommodations across southern Ontario.

Gagne will be presenting on the success and mission statement of VPCH, but the unique component of her presentation will be her involvement in the Hamilton is Home coalition for the past four years, which is an organized group of interested parties who advocate for and establish housing for everyone in need.

“We are flipping the narrative,” Gagne told the *Echo*, “and we are showing the possibilities that can come as a collective.”

Gagne shared that there were many organizations and concerned citizens in the Hamilton area who were focused on making housing a priority. There were also decades of miscommunications between city councillors and staff, and non-profits in the housing sector.

Hamilton is Home was designed to be accessible and available to anyone interested in making a difference. “Everyone is welcome as an associate member,” said Gagne, “it’s all about sharing information.” Consisting of community housing providers, the group remains non-partisan, with a mission of working with elected officials to streamline tangible

change. “We meet every two weeks, even all through the pandemic,” said Gagne, “and now we have MPs and MPPs joining us, people are interested in seeing how we can work together.”

Gagne admitted that to get the idea off the ground, they had to be “a little bit relentless” when making presentations. They were dedicated to standing in front of city councils and members of parliament to get their non-siloed approach to community housing off the ground. The organization has a goal of completing 3000 units in three years, which according to their website, is a feasible goal, not a fantasy.

While Gagne noted that the needs for housing in Hamilton are varied from the needs in Haliburton County, she shared that she believes many of the practices can be applied in a similar format. “More rural areas have different challenges,” she said, “it’s a different snapshot of people, but I think we can look at the big picture together, and we can work at involving the right folks to do that.”

Gagne said that a key to the Hamilton

is Home success was the fact that they were able to attain a city planner in their coalition. This gave the group the opportunity to navigate around the red-tape before making presentations to city councils. “We were able to streamline many of the processes by having those things in order,” she said.

Gagne is amongst a series of speakers who will be presenting at the Housing Summit on April 5. Others include Jennifer van Gennip, director of communications and advocacy for Redwood Park Communities, and Graham Cubitt, director of projects and development for Indwell and Flourish Community Development Cooperative Ltd.

Facilitated topics of discussion will include but not be limited to; worker housing, private market housing that accommodates seniors, alternative housing options, the hybrid mortgage model, and more.

All are welcome to attend the summit on April 5 at the Minden Community Centre. No registration is required, and lunch will be provided.

## Ontario wardens group launches affordable housing campaign

JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The lack of affordable housing is one of Haliburton County’s main concerns.

And it’s a concern that’s shared by the other 13 members of the Eastern Ontario Wardens’ Caucus (EOWC), said Peter Emon, the group’s chairperson and warden at Renfrew County.

He told Haliburton County council March 22 that about 14,000 affordable community housing rental units are needed to clear wait lists throughout the eastern region.

And, he said, the average wait time for community housing is about five years for all types of housing units. That wait jumps to 10 years for some housing types.

“There is a chronic and serious supply problem of not only regular housing, but community or social housing across our region,” he said.

Affordable housing refers to housing with rents geared to a household’s income level.

Some progress has been made to meet the housing needs over the years, he said. But, obviously, efforts have fallen short. That’s why the EOWC has put its collec-

tive resources and experiences into a new solution.

“It’s big and it’s definitely bold,” Emon said of the new initiative.

Jim Pine, the CAO of Hastings County, said improving the housing inventory requires a collective effort. In his own jurisdiction, the wait list has ballooned to well over 3,000 families from about 2,800 in just a few months.

“The challenge continues to grow in terms of people looking for a place that they can call home, that they can afford,” Pine said. “With a long wait list, the challenge really speaks to the need for us to do something bold.”

“If not us, then who is going to work on this challenge?”

The provincial government has a goal to build 1.5-million new homes by 2031. The EOWC has launched an initiative dubbed the 7-in-7 regional housing plan. That’s a plan to deliver 7,000 new affordable rental units over seven years.

“We think that the focus of Ontario’s effort is generally on housing ownership,” Pine said. “We didn’t want the sector of rental to be left out in terms of trying to find a solution.”

“We want to be part of the provincial initiative, and we want to do this by

working on the rental side in terms of affordable housing.”

No government can fix the problem alone. The 7-in-7 campaign provides an opportunity to collaborate with the private sector.

“Evidence shows us that, typically, when we can incent one RGI unit (rent geared to income) to be built, the private sector will come and build three of their own at market rate rent,” Pine said.

So, in effect, 21,000 gets added to the 7,000 built through the campaign. And 28,000 households get roofs. An estimated \$3.1 billion investment to provide 7,000 housing units generates \$9 billion of economic activity.

“We think it is the perfect private-public partnership that we are proposing,” he said.

The federal and provincial governments need to invest more into meeting the snowballing need for affordable housing and, further, to help cover the operating costs of social housing.

“It shouldn’t be all done on the backs of property tax payers in our local municipalities,” Pine said. “Ontario is the only jurisdiction in the country where housing is a local responsibility.”

Everywhere else, the provincial and ter-

ritorial governments are responsible.

“We have a special need in Ontario, and we need the support of all three levels of government,” he said. “We all need to come together in this effort.”

Under the plan, Haliburton County could get 490 housing units at a cost of \$198-million. What’s more, Pine said there’s a potential the regional economy could be driven forward for years afterwards.

“We know we can do this because we have expertise working on big projects,” Pine said.

The caucus hopes to have a business case completed by this summer to use as a tool to lure government support. Consultations with Indigenous groups and the private and non-profit sectors will kick off in the summer so that requests for proposals can be issued in the fall.

“It’s ambitious but, as I said at the beginning, if not us, then who is going to do this?” he said.

Federal and provincial politicians have said time and again that they’re focused on fixing housing problems. Warden Liz Danielsen, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands, said supporting this plan may be the nudge those decision-makers need.



### Thursday night lights

For those who stayed up late enough on Thursday, Mar. 23, they were treated to a spectacular display of aurora dancing across the night sky. /Submitted by Jay Callaghan, CalTek Design

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Often when I go in, I'm just passing by to grab a burrito, a tea, or a muffin.

I always see someone I know.

I often see many people I know, actually. But there's something really profound about sitting and staying a while; not being in a rush to grab my food and go.

Last Thursday, Emily Stonehouse and I met there for a meeting.

We decided to be there a little early to get some extra work done beforehand.

It's always exciting to go in there, because I never know who I might see at that moment in time.

As soon as I walked in the door, I was met with two smiling faces.

One was a past colleague and one was a family friend.

One was there for another meeting, and one was there for lunch with a friend.

I chatted with each of them, and then went off to find Emily.

I sat down only to be pleasantly surprised by one of my rescuers from the week before (If you missed last week's editorial, I got locked out of the place I was housesitting ... at 6 a.m.).

We had a chat and a good laugh.

As Emily and I sat and talked with each other, a couple more people we both knew stopped to talk to us while walking by.

The longer we sat, the more people we knew came in and sat at the surrounding tables.

Genuine laughter could be heard, smiling faces seen, and honest and open conversations were happening all around us.

And I know this was not special to this particular day. This happens everyday there.

Castle is a small-scale reflection of everything I love about the Haliburton community; a perfect example of pure and raw human connection.

I think we can look at this little hub in our town as a model for the bigger picture.

Everyone in that little cafe that day had different opinions and beliefs. They may come from different cultures. They grew up in different households. They have unique professions, individual personalities.

But, none of those differences stopped the real and authentic connections. The differences didn't stop others from speaking and listening equally and respectfully.

"Strength lies in differences, not in similarities," said Stephen R. Covey.

Of course individuals in Haliburton are going to have differing opinions on many important topics. And, that's okay. It's human to be different.

But the important thing I learned about that day at Castle Antiques is that it's so important to stop and take the time to actively listen.

Listening to understand instead of listening to respond is one of the best ways we can connect as a community, despite differing opinions.



vivian collings

## Editorial



Leaping into spring

by Vivian Collings

## The knuckle crack

**"D**ON'T CRACK your knuckles, it will give you arthritis!"

Many of us have heard this warning at one point or another in our lifetime. Some people are addicted to the sound while others find it cringe-worthy. Is the old wives tale true? What is causing the sound? Is it hurting me? Dr. Google can send you down a never-ending rabbit hole of questions with no definitive answer. Let's stay out of the turmoil and look at the facts.

A cracking sound can occur at various joints in the body which are designed to allow us to move. A joint is a meeting point; a connection of two or more bones coming together. The main components of a joint are cartilage to reduce friction, synovial fluid for lubrication, ligaments to connect the bones together and tendons to connect the muscles to the bones. They can be various shapes and sizes. A ball and socket, hinge, pivot, and ellipsoidal, all which give the body its ability to explore the world around us.

Why do our joints crack? I answer this question many times a day at my clinic. New patients are often afraid that the "cracking" is somehow causing damage to the bones, even breaking them! I can assure you this is not the case. Not only can our knuckles make this sound, but so can multiple other joints in the body such as the neck, back, wrists, knees and many more.

There is a capsule of connective tissue surrounding the joint, which

holds synovial fluid inside to help lubricate it. The "cracking noise" is nothing more than a change in pressure and volume within this synovial capsule. The pressure change forms gas bubbles which results in the noise! That's it folks. Nothing scary or damaging about it.

The answer is no. Cracking your knuckles does not contribute to the risk of getting arthritis. One of the most famous studies, and most unusual regarding this topic was performed by Dr. David Unger, using himself as the test subject. Dr. Unger cracked his own knuckles on his left hand for over 60 years, and left his right hand "uncracked." He then

analyzed the progression of arthritis in both hands, finding no change at the end of the study. He expressed that his goal was to prove his mother wrong. Further studies have been performed with MRI technology with the conclusion unanimously backing up Dr. Unger.

Are there any downsides to this habit? What it could potentially do is cause issues with the ligaments and tendons in your fingers. If these small structures are constantly getting pushed and pulled on, they may not be able to perform the job of stabilizing the joints as well over time and lead to issues such as weak grip strength.

I hope this article was a helpful myth buster. Some of you may be wondering about similar questions in regards to arthritis itself. Stay tuned in two weeks to dive into the facts about arthritis.



Kassie Bradley

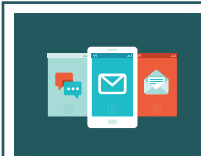
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# points of view

## Short legs and all

**I** TRY TO shop locally, believe me I do. But there comes a point when I have no choice but to shop online. Buying pants immediately comes to mind. You see, when it comes to pants, I have very particular needs.

I'm not going to say I have extremely short legs, but I will say that in some Nordic countries, pants with my inseam are considered shorts.

That makes them hard to find.

As far as I am aware, there is only one local store that stocks pants with inseams that are even close to being short enough for me. And they only keep a few in stock at any given time.

As a result, just going to that store is traumatic for us short-legged types. As soon as you enter the store you squint and look around like a gunfighter entering a strange saloon. Then, should you see another fellow who looks like he has trouble reaching the top shelf, you immediately size up his inseam. All the while he is doing the same thing to you. This makes everyone nervous and often clears the room.

After that, it's a just matter of waiting for someone to make the first move. And you are either quick or facing an empty rack where the pants with the short inseams used to be.

I am not as fast as I used to be.

That's why I resort to online shopping these days.

This might surprise you, but I am very savvy when it comes to online shopping. Yes, savvy enough to ask Jenn to do it for me.



steve  
galea

### Loon Tales

So, last week I said, "Can you go online and find pants with my inseam, buy three pairs in any colour you'd like to embarrass me with, and tell me how much I owe you?"

"What is your inseam?" she asked.

"Sixty-six," I said.

"How about in inches?" she replied.

A little later she told me that she finally found pants with my inseam, but they were literally the smallest inseam found on Amazon for adult men's pants with my waistline. Worse still, when we got them, they were still actually about an inch too long too.

This leads me to believe that our local stores and Amazon are in cahoots with the multi-national seamstress conglomerates. They are actually forcing men of my slightly-below-average height to either roll up our pants an inch or two, or spend money getting them hemmed, which with the quality of pants I buy, means tripling their price.

"Which Amazon did you shop on?" I asked.

"Amazon.ca," she replied.

And therein lied our problem.

I quickly looked up the shortest nations in the world and discovered that the Timorese have an average height of five-foot-one and a quarter, which would make me a shoe-in for their national basketball team.

"Is there such a thing as Amazon.Timor?" I asked Jenn.

Apparently, there is not.

Jenn said that I just buy pants with my waist size and hem them myself.

"It's not that difficult," she said. Which is easy for someone who shops off the rack – the top rack, I might add – to say.

Plus, I have made my living as a writer, which means I have no discernible skills.

"There has to be a better way," I thought.

Then it hit me.

"Next time," I said, "let's try a website that sells shorts in Nordic countries."



## pic of the past

**H**arold Black, Ron Curry, Glen Hodgson, and Curry Bishop pose for a photo while golfing circa 1940s. /Submitted by Eleanor Cooper

## Coming full circle with voices of experience

The Haliburton County Mental Health and Substance Use Working Group has been busy planning exciting new events and initiatives in the County.

The goal of the group is to address the County's substance use and mental health crisis and listen to the voices of experience in the process of improving community services. The working group consists of several service providers including Point in Time, the HKPR Health Unit, John Howard Society, Community Living, Kawartha Lakes Housing Corp., the CAST Projects, and the Canadian Mental Health Association, and is grateful to United Way for its continuing financial support. This group is also now considered a working group of the County's Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan.

Facilitator Tom Regehr, executive director of the CAST Projects, and a person with lived experience, has started the VOICE group, a gathering of local individuals with experience with mental health challenges, substance use, or other issues. They meet regularly to share with and support each other and to ultimately help improve community services. There are no referrals needed, no fee, and no need to identify concerns or even say your name. You can come once, or come every meeting.

Contact Tom at [voice@thecastprojects.ca](mailto:voice@thecastprojects.ca) for more information and/or how to get involved in the VOICE meetings.

Tom and collaborating partners from the Haliburton County Mental Health and Substance Use Working Group are also working on three exciting and free community education series for service providers and members of the public in the County on April 18 (online), May 16 (online) and June 27 (in person). These sessions will focus on empowering people with lived experience to be involved in every aspect of service planning and delivery, and include practical tips on having difficult conversations as well as what it really means to "meet someone where they're at" and how to apply the information to future planning.

Registration for these events is free and open to service providers and members of the public wanting to get involved in fostering a compassionate and evidence-based approach to substance use and mental health in Haliburton County. For more information or to register, contact Dawn Milburn at Point in Time, [dawnm@pointintime.ca](mailto:dawnm@pointintime.ca) or visit [www.pointintime.ca](http://www.pointintime.ca).

Submitted Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents

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# Haliburton Forest takes steps towards Aboriginal Relations

EMILY STONEHOUSE  
Staff Reporter

The best place to start is the beginning. And that's what Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve is doing by committing to the Progressive Aboriginal Relations (PAR) program in mid-January of 2023. "We recognize that there is a big need for us to do better," Malcolm Cockwell, the managing director of Haliburton Forest told the *Echo*.

The three-year program is split into equal parts, starting with internal planning, then moving on to setting specific and measurable goals, and finally concluding with outreach. "That's our time to be actively reaching out and establishing relationships," said Cockwell.

This initiative is spearheaded by the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business (CCAB), and is designed as a program that any organization can jump into without any prior knowledge. This concept was what appealed to management of the Forest. "You can have all these intentions, but this particular topic is extremely complicated," shared Cockwell. "It's awkward if you don't know where to start."

Haliburton Forest is currently managing 250,000 acres in Ontario, and was the first company in Canada to be recognized as "sustainable" by the Forest Stewardship; a title it carries to present day.

The Forest is continuing to grow, which Cockwell shared was the primary incentive to kick Aboriginal relationships into high

gear. "As we grow year over year, our mandate to do things right needs to get higher and higher," he said.

While the commitment to the PAR program is relatively fresh, Cockwell said that he is already learning new things which he can incorporate into their everyday practices, such as land acknowledgments, qualifications, and ensuring that all internal policies are equitable and respectful.

He shared that a major learning curve is applying the right type of education for the staff at Haliburton Forest. "We need to figure out the various options for what works best for our staff," he said, "and we need to take a close look at our internal policies to revise them, and make sure we are practicing them effectively."

Cockwell and the Forest released a formal press release that announced when they had opted into the PAR program in early March. "It may have seemed silly to announce that we are doing this before anything is really done," he chuckled, "but we did that in an attempt to hold ourselves accountable. If you don't communicate a commitment, then where is the accountability?"

And it is not just an internally-managed initiative. By formally joining the PAR program, the Forest will be audited and verified at each milestone by the Canadian Council for Aboriginal Business. Cockwell claimed that the organization is designed for individuals and businesses who do not know where to start with their reconciliation efforts, and the CCAB have offered support and insight into the next steps for the Forest.

"Right now, our first step is to just share that we have made the commitment to see through this program," said Cockwell.

According to [www.native-land.ca](http://www.native-land.ca), the Forest sits on the traditional territory of the Anishinabaweki.



**Don't sleep on homelessness**  
Friends Dominique Douglas, from left, Brittany Hewitt, Willow Hutchings, and Vanessa Douglas were all bundled up and ready to sleep in their car at Places for People's Sleeping in Cars event held on Friday, Mar. 24 at Head Lake Park in Haliburton. The event was a fundraiser to raise funds and awareness about prevalent homelessness in Haliburton County. Twenty-eight participants raised \$8,300 for Places for People through pledges. If you are interested in donating, visit [placesforpeople.ca](http://placesforpeople.ca). /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



A group of friends sing campfire songs at Places for People's Sleeping in Cars event.

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Sleeping in Cars participants were treated to a beautiful sunset on Friday night. /Submitted



# Stations of the Cross Tour prepares hearts for Easter

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Nine churches across the County will be participating in the third-annual Stations of the Cross Tour, a Christian celebration of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus at Easter.

Each participating church will have pieces of local art on display that "represent Jesus' journey to the Cross."

Amy Turner, new minister of pastoral care at West Guilford Baptist Church, said Easter is a time of reflecting, renewing, and rejoicing.

"The Stations of the Cross event really facilitates all of these. Each station provides opportunities to look with fresh eyes on what it means that Jesus loves each and every one of us so deeply, so unimaginably much that he chose to die the death he did," Turner said.

She has been in her role at the West Guilford church since June 2022 after moving from the city.

"I love Haliburton," Turner said. "My husband grew up here and we've been coming back for family gatherings for over 20 years, so the area is familiar and one that I already have fond memories of."

She is an artist herself and is inspired by the Haliburton landscape around her.

"It's been one of the deepest joys of my life so far. The people I serve are so beautiful and the church community felt like family from the beginning. That wasn't surprising given what a loving man Pastor Brian is," she said.

Turner is looking forward to the Stations of the Cross tour and getting to show the County all of the meaningful art placed at each church.

Participating churches are Ingoldsby United Church, Lochlin United Church, St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton, St. Anthony's of Padua Mission Church in Haliburton, Lakeside Church/Lighthouse Pentecostal Church in Haliburton, Northland Faith Church in Haliburton, Eagle Lake Community Church, and West Guilford Baptist Church.

For more information on each station and to view the map, visit [mylakeside.ca/sochaliburton/](http://mylakeside.ca/sochaliburton/).



Eagle Lake Community Church was station 7 on the Stations of the Cross tour last year. /Submitted



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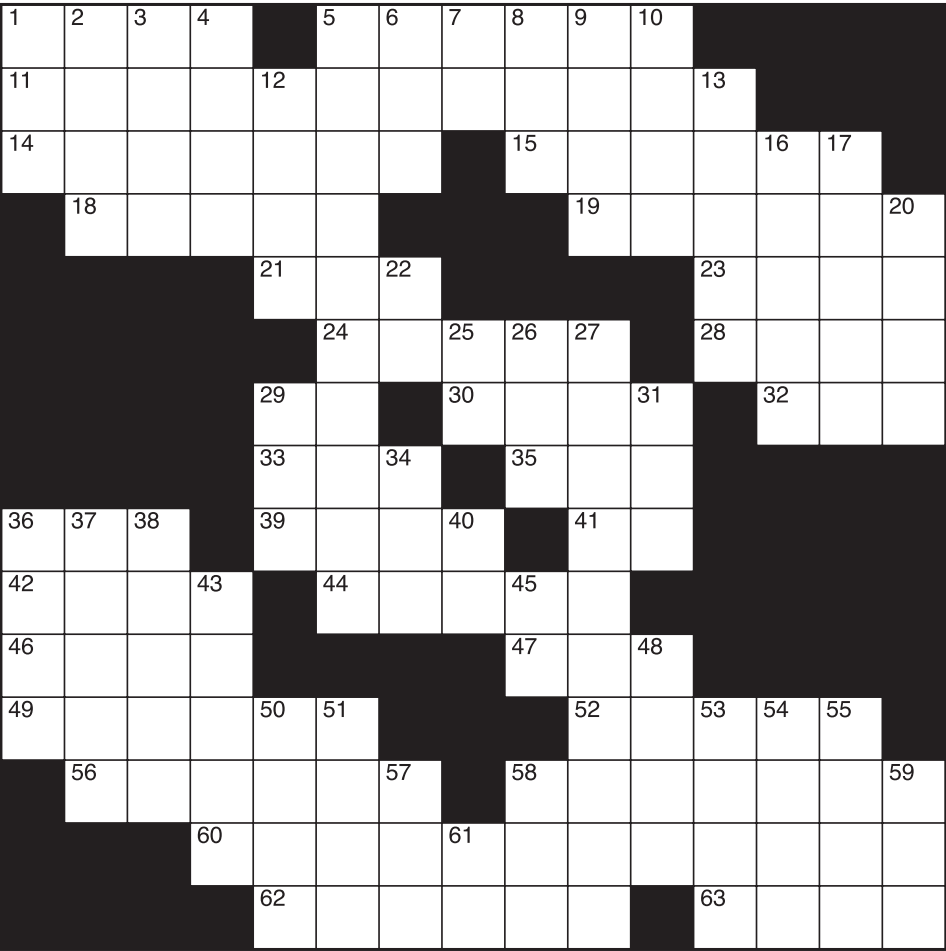
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  - 11. Accident
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  - 15. Popular 70s rock band
  - 18. Discourage from doing
  - 19. More socially elite
  - 21. Arid
  - 23. A way to look
  - 24. Heroes
  - 28. A surfer rides it
  - 29. Potato state
  - 30. Insect repellent
  - 32. Cool!
  - 33. Have already done
  - 35. Collegiate women's fraternity
  - 36. To the \_\_\_ degree
  - 39. Gasteyer and de Armas are two
  - 41. Blood type
  - 42. Looked over
  - 44. Language of Cameroon and Chad
  - 46. Species of armadillo
  - 47. Touch softly
  - 49. Part of your upper body
  - 52. Large, stocky lizards
  - 56. Lack of social or ethical standards
  - 58. Congressman
  - 60. Unofficial force
  - 62. As a result of this utterance
  - 63. A main branch of Islam

CLUES DOWN

  - 1. Woman (French)
  - 2. Province of Pakistan
  - 3. This (Spanish)
  - 4. Transportation device
  - 5. Greater in importance or priority
- 6. The human foot
  - 7. Within
  - 8. Consumed
  - 9. Respectful Malaysian term
  - 10. Therefore
  - 12. Ceased to exist
  - 13. Type of macaroni
  - 16. English composer
  - 17. Wooded tract
  - 20. Tall, slender-leaved plant
  - 22. 36 inches
  - 25. Take too much (abbr.)
  - 26. Allow
  - 27. Individually
  - 29. Journalist Tarbell
  - 31. Bar bill
  - 34. Hong Kong food stall: \_\_\_ pai dong
  - 36. Not messy
  - 37. Species that includes reed mace
  - 38. Former MLB catcher Ed
  - 40. Northern U.S. state
  - 43. Wilt
  - 45. Commercial
  - 48. Bolivian river
  - 50. Nursemaid
  - 51. A car needs four
  - 53. Guns (slang)
  - 54. American state
  - 55. Clusters of fern fronds
  - 57. Body part
  - 58. A person's brother or sister
  - 59. Breed of sheep native to Sweden
  - 61. Of I

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# Lovin' my real stuffed animals, don'tcha know

WHY IF 'OL Maybelle doesn't love stuffed animals. Yes, dear reader, I'm speaking of MY stuffed animals: Sarah, the terribly feminine teddy bear who sleeps on my pillow in a pink tutu, Tillie Turtle, the softest little green cuddly thing you ever want to see, Benny Bunny, a bedraggled little rabbit that I've loved down to his threads, and Benny's Buddy, a little mouse who loves Benny more than the sun loves to shine, don'tcha know.

Yes, ol' Maybelle is a stuffed animal lover. Have I ever been in the closet about it? Never. In fact, I advocate loud and proud for the Inner Child in all of us to be alive and well and experience the wonder and magic in things, and people, and, yes, even stuffed animals through our old narrowing eyes. To experience awe in the way that that crazy over-used but totally appropriate, at times, word appears: awesome. To ol' Maybelle's Inner Child, it's more accurately: awe and then some.

And I do wonder as I get into bed each night and say hello to my wee stuffed family of friends who wait for me, perched on a crocheted pillow cover – what have you been doing all day? What adventures have you exhausted? Surely, you weren't just sitting here pretending to be inanimate objects. Surely, you're just staring into space because you're just plain downright pooped.

Now, if I do know anything, I have learned to be open to allowing myself to imagine what the scientists tell us, like the string theory. That while we are living the everyday life we know; at the same time, we are living nine or more parallel existences. What a concept, eh?

So, I'm leaving space for Sarah, Tillie Turtle, Benny Bunny and Benny's Buddy to be having all kinds of wild adventures in their own realities. At least, in 'ol Maybelle's imaginings, I hope they're having fun.

Now, every time I take a walk during these long cold snow and icy winter months, and pass by people who are out in the fresh air with their beloved pooches, my heart smiles for the energy and friendliness of the dog, and the

loving bond that I see between pooch and master. Or as pooch owners really feel, their roles are: mom and dad. And, at the same time, I quietly think, thank goodness I don't HAVE to walk my stuffed animals two, three times a day in blustery cold weather. Or for that matter, during black fly and mosquito season. I don't NEED to take them to the vet and pay bank-breaking sums of money for peace of mind and heart. I just grab a needle and thread when they need some mending and they're good to go. And, as for food ... all they need is love. La-la-la-la-la. All they need is love!

Then there's the new AI (Artificial Intelligence) stuffed pooches. Why, statistics show that they are super soothing for folks who have Alzheimer's, and those whose mobility is dramatically curbed. An AI pooch will respond to the softest touch. In fact, their fur feels so real you wouldn't know the difference. They look straight into your eyes with so much sweetness that you either get diabetes immediately or you

melt like a pound of butter. And they sit quietly in one place – on your lap. A real genuine artificial lap dog.

Truth be told, 'ol Maybelle has witnessed such tremendous grief of friends who lost their precious pets, that it gave me pause. Like my dear friend, Beanpole Starkman. Why, when Mister, his Heinz 57 died, I thought we were going to lose Beanpole, too. Why that tall glass of water had his big heart broken into so many pieces I thought we'd never put Humpty Starkman back together again.

Hence – Sarah (my teddy bear), Tilly Turtle, Benny Bunny and Benny's Buddy are my treasures of choice. No fuss, no muss, and plenty of lovin'. And the adventures they tell me, why my Inner Child is as happy as a kid in a story-time candy store. And all I have to do is be there, don'tcha know.

*Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You," 21 of Maybelle's best short stories is now available at [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com).*



## Abbey Gardens prepares for Easter festivities

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A few weeks ago the West Guilford Snow Shuffle entertained enthusiastic snowmobilers at this annual (apart from COVID-19 years) even with a sunny, cold day. Greg Cooper and Carm Sawyer were two of the organizers and happily awarded Sammi Giannoccaro the gen-

erous prize of \$4,740.00 of which Sammi donated \$1,200.00 back to the Centre. Thanks to all the hard work the volunteers put into the event.

Recent birthdays at the Centre included one for Theo Tayler, son of Jenna Houghton on March 19. Drop-Zone is active again on Friday evenings.

As to coming events, Abbey Gardens has lined up events from 11a.m. to 2 p.m. on Apr. 8 for children's Easter egg hunt. Decoration of cookies and craft are on the agenda. Photos with ponies and a scavenger hunt are planned. Children are \$15 and adults enter by donation.



# Skyline Dance Studio offers classes for all ages

VIVIAN COLLINGS

Editor

Walking into Skyline Dance on Monday, Mar. 20, all that could be heard from the hallway were joyful sounds of laughter and the tip-tapping of metal shoes to the beat of Shania Twain's *Man, I Feel Like a Woman*.

For listeners and watchers, it's hard to hold back from joining in.

"The experience has been wonderful, something I've wanted to do for many years," said Lisa Werry, a participant in the 55+ tap class. "My favourite part is learning something new to me. I have never tap danced or taken any formal lessons at all. I am learning a lot."

Skyline Dance Studio will be offering more adult and senior dance classes during their spring session.

Melissa Valentini, business development/marketing lead at Skyline Dance

Studio, said their goal is to great opportunities for all ages to experience the benefits of dance.

"Our mission from the very beginning was to keep dance local and keep families local and we are very happy to add opportunities for the active adults and seniors in Haliburton County," Valentini said.

Their first adult session offered pilates, barre burn, tap, and heels, and they are now including ballroom dancing and hip

hop.

"All our adults' classes are run at a beginner level so everyone can participate, it is about moving your body, having fun and supporting a great non-profit organization in the process," Valentini said.

Skyline's spring session classes begin the week of April 17. Registration is now open to Skyline families, and newcomers can register here: [www.skylinedancestudio.ca](http://www.skylinedancestudio.ca).



Ann Meher, left, smiles while performing the adult tap group's routine to Shania Twain's *Man I Feel Like a Woman* at Skyline Dance Studio on Monday, Mar. 20. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Jodi McGurkin, right, leads the routine.



The dancers take steps forward in unison.



Form 6  
SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER  
Municipal Act, 2001  
Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sale Rules

SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

The Corporation of the Municipality of Highlands East

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on April 27, 2023, at the Highlands East Municipal Office, 2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce Ontario.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Highlands East Municipal Office, 2249 Loop Road, Wilberforce.

#### Description of Lands:

1. Roll No. 46 01 601 000 52100 0000; 1930 Glamor Lake Rd., Gooderham; PIN 39233-0140 (LT); PT LT 2 CON 11 MONMOUTH AS IN H136595; HIGHLANDS EAST; File 19-02  
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$145,000.00  
**Minimum tender amount: \$15,145.32**

2. Roll No. 46 01 902 000 01902 0000; Irondale Rd.; PIN 39225-0148 (LT); LT 5 CON 6 GLAMORGAN BTN BURNT RIVER & RDAL BTN CON 5 AND CON 6; HIGHLANDS EAST; File 19-06  
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$1,600.00  
**Minimum tender amount: \$3,168.99**

3. Roll No. 46 01 902 000 55900 0000; Highlands East; PIN 39230-0218 (LT); PT LT 28 CON 9 GLAMORGAN AS IN H40836; HIGHLANDS EAST; File 19-08  
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$26,000.00  
**Minimum tender amount: \$6,461.46**

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/ money order payable to the municipality.

**Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, availability of road access, or any other matters relating to the lands to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers. The assessed value, according to the last returned assessment roll, may or may not be representative of the current market value of the property.**

Pursuant to the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act, S.C. 2022, c. 10, s. 235 (the "Act"), effective January 1, 2023, it is prohibited for a non-Canadian to purchase, directly or indirectly, any residential property, as those terms are defined in the legislation. Contraventions of the Act are punishable by a fine, and offending purchasers may be ordered to sell the residential property.

The municipality assumes no responsibility whatsoever for ensuring bidders/tenderers comply with the Act, and makes no representations regarding same. Prospective bidders/tenderers are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act and are advised to seek legal advice before participating in this sale.

Transfers of properties that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to non-residents of Canada or foreign entities, are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender, visit:  
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NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING  
COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- DATE: Wednesday, April 12th, 2023
- TIME: 11:00 am.
- LOCATION: The Committee of Adjustment will be held as an electronic meeting only.  
The meeting will be recorded through the conferencing application and live streamed to YouTube.

APPLICATIONS:

1. D13-MV-2023-002 Miner and Bray
  - The following variance is requested to permit a third accessory building over 10 square metres on a property in the WR6L zone:
    - a) A variance to the provisions of Section 5.2 to permit 3 accessory building as opposed to the permitted maximum of 2 (plus 1 one storey building less than 10 square metres (108 square feet) in area).
  - Location: Part Lot 27, Concession 7, Part 1 to 5, Plan 19R-9176 in the Geographic Township of Dysart, in the Municipality of Dysart et al (Hunt Trail).
2. D13-MV-2023-003 Evans
  - The following variance is requested to permit construction of an oversized private cabin located on a lot in the WR4 zone:
    - a) A variance to Section 3.1(d)(iii) to permit the gross floor area of a private cabin to be 54.9 square metres (590 square feet), which exceeds the permitted gross floor area of 45 square metres (484 square feet).
  - Location: Part Lot 24, Concession 5, Lot 48, Plan 513 in the Geographic Township of Havelock, in the Municipality of Dysart et al (Watts Road).
3. D13-MV-2023-004 Jones & Lovrics
  - The following variance is requested to increased lot coverage on a property in the WR4 zone:
    - a) A variance to Section 5.2 to permit a maximum lot coverage to be 16.5% as opposed to the required maximum of 15%.
  - Location: Part Lot 19 to Part Lot 20, Concession 6, Lot 66, Plan 493 in the Geographic Township of Havelock, in the Municipality of Dysart et al (Watts Rd).

Council passed By-law 2020-69 to amends the Committee of Adjustment of the Municipality of Dysart et al's Procedural By-law to permit electronic participation in meetings. **There will not be an in-person meeting; this meeting will be conducted in an electronic format only.**

For more information about electronic meetings and public participation in an electronic meeting, contact the Secretary-Treasurer at dvibert@dysartetal.ca .

**ANY PERSON** is entitled to attend the hearing to express his/her views about these applications or may be represented by an agent for that purpose. If you do not attend the hearing the Committee may proceed in your absence and you will not be entitled to any further notice of the proceedings. The Committee will accept oral and written submissions. **A copy of the decision will be sent to the applicant, the agent and to each person who has filed with the Secretary Treasurer a written request for notice of the decision.**

**FURTHER INFORMATION:** including specific information about the zone provisions affected by each application, and electronic meeting process is available from the Planning and Land Information Department at the Municipal Office by appointment only (8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday to Friday) or by phoning 705-457-1740.

Danielle Vibert  
Secretary-Treasurer, Committee of Adjustment



Chris Weber of Greenscapes Haliburton is eager to hit the ground running for the spring clean-up that will be required around the community. After a successful soft-launch of the business in the fall, Weber hopes to have a busy spring season ahead. /Photo submitted

# A clean slate for a new adventure

EMILY STONEHOUSE

Staff Reporter

Sometimes in life, you know you need a change.

That's what Chris Weber felt when he started Greenscapes landscaping in late 2022.

The owner and operator of the landscaping business was working as an underground miner up north. For a decade, he would be gone for two weeks at a time, every two weeks. "It was two weeks on and two weeks off," he told the *Echo*, "and I really started to feel like I was missing out on the big ticket items in life."

Those "big ticket items" were his wife and four kids, who were entering times of different interests and hobbies, and Weber wanted to be there for each of them.

As his mining contract neared completion, he started to think about the next chapter. "We have a lot of family and friends who run their own businesses, who are entrepreneurs, and I thought about the pace of life we were looking for, and thought that running our own business would be something that would work for us."

Weber observed that oftentimes, landscape companies are something that are done as a project on the side of a main career. With an aging population in a cottage-based community, he saw a gap he believed he could fill. "We thought the community needed people who would exclusively manage their properties for them, not just as a side gig," he said. "We branded ourselves; got postcards and uniforms. We are very official."

For Weber, starting a business in the Haliburton Highlands is a dream come true. He recalled that his favourite part of every summer was coming up to the area for a cottage week with his family. "It was the highlight of my year, every year," he said. "When I was about 16, I told my mom I am going to retire up here one day. She laughed of course, but now I'm here."

Greenscapes specializes in lawn cutting, debris removal, property management, fertilizing, and spring/fall clean-ups, to name a few services. Weber ini-

tially launched the company in the fall of 2022 as a "soft launch" in an attempt to test the waters and see what the need was like in the community. "We were really well received by locals, cottagers, and short term rental agencies," he said. The success of the soft launch equipped Weber with the confidence for a busy spring season ahead.

He said he is particularly focused on helping elderly folks and individuals with mobility issues with their annual spring cleanup.

While he welcomes new business and is eager for a full season, he is currently a one-man-show. Weber shared that he has full intentions of growing his team, but is a big believer that a good business should "walk before it runs."

He is invested in getting this business off the ground, as he would like to offer positions to people that pay a living-wage, and offer support to those working with Greenscapes. He shared that he does not want to rush the hiring process, as he has seen that mistake made many times in his own professional endeavors, and he would like to build his team around individuals who share his vision for success, professionalism, and perseverance.

While Weber works on his own at the business, he told the Times that he has received an immense amount of support and encouragement from local businesses and organizations. He noted that the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) has been one of the best. "HCDC was absolutely integral in putting this business together," he said. "Through the mentoring and massaging of my vision, HCDC was able to provide business support, and introduced me to so many other people in the area."

Weber is eager to hit the ground running, and explore the county through the business. "It's been great to see how forthcoming other small businesses are to encourage and support one another," he said. "This open-minded approach is just so refreshing."

For more information on Weber and his services, contact 705-455-772 or email chris@greenscapeshaliburton.com. You can also find him on Instagram at @greenscapes\_haliburton.





**Huskies fight to stay in the game**  
Alex Cunningham #91 passes to Christian Stevens #17 who scores during the Haliburton County Huskies playoff game against the Wellington Dukes on Saturday, Mar. 25. The Huskies lost narrowly with a final score of 4-3 for the Dukes. Their next home game is Thursday, Mar. 30 at the SG Nesbitt Memorial Arena in Minden which will determine whether they get to continue playing. /TIM YANO Special to the Echo



Josh Currie #71 leaves the ice as Dukes celebrate their win.



Christian Stevens #17 scores, assisted by #42 Boyd Stahlbaum and #10 Isaac Sooklal for the first goal of the game.

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**Sugar season**  
Perry Morrison filters maple sap while it boils at his home in West Guilford to make maple syrup. /DAVID ZILSTRA Staff





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*At the Quinte Health Care North Hastings Hospital, Bancroft,  
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2023. Tina Barrand age 51, was the beloved wife of Murray Barrand of Bancroft. Loving mother of Nicky and Junior. Daughter of Barbara and the late Fred Fountain, and sister of Debbie Chinery (Jack). Sister-in-law of Michelle and Bob Carter, Mervin Barrand, and Danny Barrand. She will be sadly missed by her nieces, nephews and many friends. Tina worked for many years with Home Hardware in both Haliburton and Minden. She loved fishing and hunting. A private family gathering took place at the funeral home, followed by cremation. A Celebration of Tina's Life will take place, at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 129 – Haliburton (719 Mountain St., Haliburton) on Saturday, April 01, 2023 from 1 – 5 p.m. As expressions of sympathy, donations to The Canadian Cancer Society – Relay for Life would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to M.G. Daly Funeral Home, Maynooth. (613) 338-3259



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The Golden Slipper was for many years one of the favourite dance spots in this part of Ontario. For the people of Haliburton County the simple mention of the Slipper will bring many hours of memories. The Slipper, because the building was deteriorating and becoming dangerous, was recently torn down by its last owners, Haliburton Youth Development. Al Perrin, the last owner of the building to hold dances, tells the story of The Slipper on page five of this issue.

## Anti-Inflation Board

### CUPE workers rolled back

The Anti-Inflation Board had rolled back the settlement offered by the Haliburton County Board of Education to its C.U.P.E. workers.

The Board announced an increase of 45 cents an hour for its C.U.P.E. workers at the Feb. 22 Meeting. Word that the increase had been cut back "in strict adherence to the guidelines" to 41 cents an hour was given last Tuesday, April 12, by Jim Leworthy, business administrator with the Board.

Instead of \$4.65 offered by the Haliburton Board's Salary Negotiating Committee, Board C.U.P.E. workers will receive \$4.61 an hour. Head caretakers receive a slightly higher wage.

The contracts have now

been signed by the local president and secretary of C.U.P.E. Mr. Leworthy said Monday, although the contracts have not yet been ratified by officials at union headquarters.

Mr. Leworthy told the Board meeting that, as far as he understood, Dysart municipal workers are receiving \$4.73 an hour, 12 cents more than Board employees will earn.

Two years ago, Dysart labourers and School Board C.U.P.E. workers were receiving equal wages, both on two year contracts. The municipal workers renewed their settlement before the Anti-Inflation Board legislation went into effect, Mr. Leworthy explained Monday.

When the Board C.U.P.E. settlement came under review, the A.I.B. had been established and increases held down, creating a disparity between municipal and Board employees.

This year's offer of 45 cents an hour, which was over the amount set out in

the A.I.B. guidelines. Mr. Leworthy said, would have brought Board and municipal workers slightly closer to wage parity, but the A.I.B. made no concession and kept the increase within the guidelines.

Mr. Leworthy noted at the

meeting of the Board that salary increases of eight per cent agreed upon for the Board's salary personnel are within the guidelines, and although no comment has yet been returned from the A.I.B., no objection is expected.

## Teacher says decline in ability to write

Thanks to the credit system, 25 per cent of the time formerly available for English instruction at the secondary level has been cut, resulting in "a considerable decline in the ability to write," according to Nona Lyn Philp, English Department head at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Miss Philp was present at the April 12 meeting of the Haliburton County Board of Education to discuss the organization and objectives of the English program with the trustees. A somewhat heated discussion followed Miss Philp's presentation of some of the problems faced by the English department at the secondary level.

In addition to the credit system, which leaves only five periods a week for English as opposed to eight under the old organization, Miss Philp noted that secondary teachers face the problem of a "divergence of what is taught in younger schools."

She noted that "by grade 11, students are past the age of learning grammar but they have not had the skills."

She saw a lack of communication between schools as a cause and said that there was "no course of study in some cases" or "a wide difference in content" in what was being taught at feeder schools. This means that secondary English teachers have a hard time establishing a curriculum that will suit all the students.

She suggested that there be a continuum of English studies from Kindergarten to grade 13.

Len Salvatori, trustee for Dysart et al. questioned why there should be a breakdown in communications between secondary and elementary levels. "I see professional development days as you people getting together and

decoding on a common role or purpose so that when the students get to grade nine, they are much the same," he said.

J. Douglas Hodgson, director of the Board, objected to Miss Philp's comments, indicating that he felt Miss Philp was saying that senior teachers should have a choice in what they are able to include in their program, but that public school teachers should not.

He pointed out that no educational organization was on record as being in support of what Miss Philp was saying. According to current educational theories and practice, instruction "is not to be a lock-step arrangement" he said. He was concerned that the problems of English instruction at the secondary level were being attributed to a lack of groundwork in younger grades.

Richard Poole, chairman of the Board, suggested "we will be getting direction as

time goes on" from the Ministry of Education, who "would like to see more English classes."

Mr. Salvatori pointed out the 30 minute period at the end of classes before buses leave as a possible source of extra time, but Miss Philp and others noted that the 30 minutes is well used for extra help and after-school activities.

According to Miss Philp, the reduction in the number of hours of English has caused the writing program to suffer most. She said that it was difficult for students to do research for essays since the libraries were inadequate.

This comment raised some opposition, and it was noted that the County Library system can put students in touch with any materials they need, as long as they ask for it on time.

A word of encouragement came when Miss Philp told

## School temporarily hooked to sewers

A temporary connection from the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School to the septic tank to the sewer line as phase two of the sewer project gets underway in Dysart will save the Haliburton County Board of Education and taxpayers \$100 a week.

The cost of the connection to the School Board's business administrator, Jim Leworthy, "has already been paid for," in the amount saved, the cost of pumping the septic tank at the school in order to comply with

health regulations was running \$100 a week.

The use of the sewer connection, now operating for close to three weeks, Mr. Leworthy said, has already saved the Board the cost of the temporary measure.

Mr. Leworthy also noted that a request for fill from phase two of the sewer project had been made to increase the playing field at the high school. He told the Board that they were fifth on the list of priorities for the time being.

Mr. Harrison was informed by the council that if he did not remove the dock, the municipality would.

## Frank Miller knows what NDP think but is not sure about Liberals

Frank Miller, Minister of Natural Resources said that he knows what the New Democratic Party in Ontario is thinking, but he wishes he knew what the Liberals were thinking.

"The NDP have a chance at winning the next election, the Liberals do not," he

said.

Mr. Miller, talking about the NDP said that "they do not have a monopoly on caring for the average man," that this caring is best done through the free enterprise system.

In the next election, Mr. Miller admitted that money

alone will not win. He pointed out that the opposition is well organized and that money alone does not win elections but hard work does.

Speaking to a group of Haliburton County Conservatives at the PineStone Inn last Friday night, Mr. Miller

also commented on the situation in Quebec.

He said that the country is right, noting that he enjoys being a Canadian. "We (Ontario) have to be prepared in the next few months to show leadership," he said.

Mr. Miller pointed out that 80 per cent of the people in Quebec want to stay in Canada, but they feel strongly about their heritage. He said that their rights have to be conserved within the province.

Mr. Miller also commented on the closing of a mine in Matachewan which saw a number of men put out of work. He said that the government couldn't control the situation because of their minority situation. He said that there is no safer place to work than in Ontario.

## Meeting

### Miller calls himself right wing Conservative

Frank Miller, Minister of Natural Resources, told a group of Haliburton County Conservatives that he is a

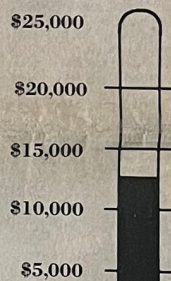
## Meeting to be held on apportionment

A meeting of clerks and treasurers, of Haliburton County, is slated for May 5 at the Haliburton County Board of Education offices to arbitrate the objections to the 1977 school board apportionment.

The appealing townships this year are, as last, Anson, Hindon and Minden, Stanhope and Sherbourne, McClintock and Livingstone.

The meeting was announced at the Haliburton County Board of Education meeting April 12. J. D. Hodgson, director of the Board, noted that he was setting up the meeting, but that he would have no part in it.

The meeting of clerks and treasurers is the first step in the appeal that for the last two years has been taken to a hearing of the Ontario Municipal Board for a final decision. The appealing townships are objecting on the grounds of an unfair burden, based on apportionment from the current assessment rolls in the County.



## Arena fund

A total of \$12,305 has been collected towards the goal of \$25,000 for the repairs and improvements to the Dysart Community Centre. The most recent donation was \$5,000 from the Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton Branch. Among the many improvements to the arena will be the installation of glass around the ice surface. Donations may be sent to Box 382, Haliburton.

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## Crib-dock

Norm Harrison Sr. claims he will not remove a crib-dock from his land on Kashagawigamog Lake.

Mr. Harrison told Anson, Hindon and Minden council that they could send him to jail before he would move the dock.

Mr. Harrison was informed by the council that if he did not remove the dock, the municipality would.

## PC's fight against NDP says Webster

Jim Webster, Progressive Conservative Candidate for Victoria-Haliburton, in the next provincial election, said that this time around it will not be a fight over Liberals and Conservatives.

He said that the battle will be fought over whether or not the province gets the New Democratic Party and socialists.

Mr. Webster was speaking at a meeting of Haliburton Progressive Conservatives held last Friday at the PineStone Inn.

## Camp owners better able to run parks

The province of Ontario does not run parks as efficiently as private camp owners, according to Frank Miller, Minister of Natural Resources and MPP Muskoka.

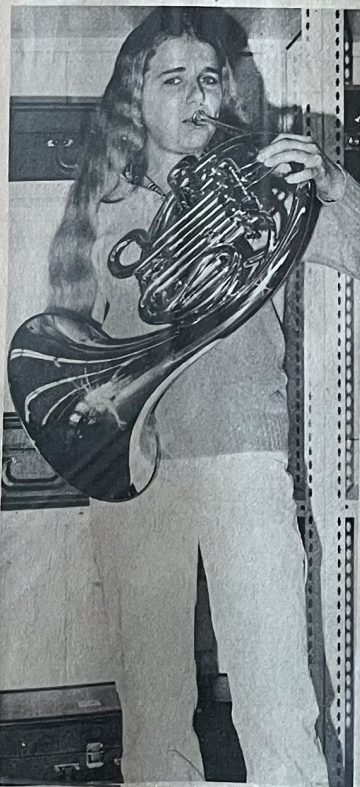
Mr. Miller was speaking to Haliburton County Progressive Conservatives at a meeting at the PineStone Inn last Friday.

He told those in attendance at the meeting that the prices at provincial parks has to reflect costs of the private camp ground owners.

He noted that the government will never be able to meet the total demand for campgrounds.



The Minister of Natural Resources, Frank Miller (right) stands with other head table guests at a supper meeting held at the PineStone Inn last Friday. Mr. Miller told those at the meeting that the battle in the next provincial election will not be between the Liberals and Conservatives, but between the New Democrats and the Conservatives.



Ann Marie VanLieshout took top spot in the French Horn Division at a band competition last week in Bancroft. For more details see page 3.

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